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9 September 1948

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Chief, Hawaii Bureau  
Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
P. O. Box FF  
Kekaha, Kauai, T. H.

Dear Joe:

Your letter of 31 August 1948 has been received and, as a matter of information, I should like briefly to review for you our thinking with reference to the case of [redacted]

Upon advice received from [redacted] which included the report of the doctors in the Army hospital in Tokyo, it was decided here in Washington that [redacted] should be afforded the opportunity to initiate retirement proceedings under current Civil Service regulations. Accordingly, the documents necessary to begin such proceedings were forwarded through your Headquarters to [redacted]

It is understood that the coverage of Korean broadcasts in Tokyo with a shortage of Korean monitors has worked a very definite hardship operationally on the Tokyo Bureau. This in part accounts for the desire of [redacted] to have [redacted] return to Tokyo at the earliest possible date. However, it is the opinion of the medical authorities here in Washington that a lapse of time of six to eight months is usually necessary to determine that an active case of tuberculosis has been arrested due to proper food, rest and care. It is felt that the Army medical authorities in Tokyo will unquestionably adopt the same attitude and will not approve [redacted] return into the Far East theatre until such a period of time has elapsed.

Therefore, the problem now presents itself as to what is actually best for [redacted] under these circumstances. Operationally, it would be of advantage for [redacted] to monitor broadcasts emanating from Korea at your station in Kauai. Unquestionably this coverage would augment that which is now effected in the Tokyo Bureau. However, administratively, there is always the danger of a recurrence of [redacted] breakdown in health and also the possibility that he might infect some of your other employees with this disease. Further, there is the consideration of [redacted]

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[ ] action with reference to his retirement. If he now comes back on duty at your Bureau, this employment will nullify any action he may care to take as far as retirement is concerned until he has served the required number of years with the Government or until such time as there is a recurrence of tuberculosis and breakdown of his health.

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A firm decision has been reached at this Headquarters that no attempt will be made to return [ ] to the Tokyo Bureau at this time, since it is felt that the statement of [ ] health made by Morris L. Brodsky, MD., Territory of Hawaii, will not influence the Army medical authorities in Tokyo.

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In light of the above analysis of this case, if you feel that there would be no objection on the part of other employees of your Bureau to working with [ ] and realizing the possibility of his infection spreading to others, there is no objection on the part of the Washington office to your placing [ ] on the payroll at your Bureau in order to monitor Korean broadcasts which are audible at Kauai. If such employment is offered [ ] it must be within the personnel ceiling as established by the Table of Organization and with the provision that transfer to Okinawa upon activation of that station cannot be guaranteed.

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Sincerely,

L. K. White

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